AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite material, which is preferably made of extrudable materials, comprising a first layer ~~(2)~~ and at least one second layer ~~(3)~~, which are connected to one another and which are opaque, and further comprising at least one marking section ~~(4),~~ ~~**characterized in that**~~ , wherein the marking section ~~(4)~~ is arranged between the layers ~~(2, 3)~~ and adapted to be read making use of X rays.

2. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to claim 1, ~~**characterized in that**~~ wherein the composite material ~~(1)~~ is a multi-layer hose ~~(1)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that**~~ claim 1, wherein at least one of said layers ~~(2, 3)~~ is made of an elastomer.

4. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that**~~ claim 1, wherein the elastomer is a rubber.

5. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that**~~ claim 1, wherein the rubber is an ethylene acrylate rubber.

6. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that**~~ claim 1, wherein the marking section ~~(4)~~ is formed by an ink ~~(4)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim1, wherein the ink ~~(4)~~ contains an iodine compound.

8. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the iodine compound is iopamidole.

9. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the ink contains potassium iodide.

10. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the ink contains potassium bromide.

11. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the ink ~~(4)~~ is applicable to the hose ~~(1)~~ by means of a printer.

12. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the printer is an ink-jet printer.

13. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the printer is a tampon printer.

14. (Currently Amended) A composite material according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the marking sections ~~(4)~~ are provided in longitudinally spaced relationship with one another in a recurring mode of arrangement.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a composite material ~~(1) according to claims 1 to 14, characterized in that~~ wherein the first opaque layer ~~(2)~~ is produced, preferably by means of extrusion, ~~that~~ wherein the marking sections ~~(4)~~, which are adapted to be read making use of X rays, are then applied, and ~~that~~ wherein, subsequently, at least one second opaque layer ~~(3)~~ is applied on top of said marking sections ~~(4)~~, preferably by means of extrusion.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an adhesion promoter is applied between said first ~~(2)~~ and said second layer ~~(3)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15 ~~or 16, characterized in that~~ , wherein the marking sections ~~(4)~~ are applied by printing onto the layer ~~(2)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~at least one of the claims 15 to 17, characterized in that~~ claim 15, wherein the marking sections ~~(4)~~ extend in the longitudinal direction.